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Combined Boards Hold Legislative Review

A report on and interpretation of legislative action, district meetings and Library Action received the center of attention at the joint ILTA-ILA board meeting in Indianapolis on March 16 at which Mrs. Herbert Sears, ILTA president, presided.

Following Esther Thornton's report on Legislative Committee action, Harriet Carter outlined the additional work which the Extension Division will be able to carry out under the increased biennium budget. House Bill No. 2, the Appropriation Bill, allotted the Extension Division $53,700.00 for the first year and $54,340.00 for the second year. Although not achieving the goal set in the budget, the approved budget will allow a portion of the Indiana Plan as promulgated and set up for discussion at the 1950 state meeting.

A recommendation of the Library Action Committee that Library Week in Indiana be observed April 22 to 28, 1951, as last year, received the consent of the combined boards. The committee, taking its cue from "buzz sessions" at the 1950 District Meetings, recommended further the appointment of a committee to investigate a recommended salary scale in Indiana with the purpose of aiding library boards in planning budgets. The approved recommendation was amended to include information on vacation allowances and sick leave pay.

Harold Sander reported confirmation of the Fall Conference dates, November 7 and 8.

The morning meeting of the ILA Board was concentrated around the point of association memberships as related to funds needed for carrying out the association's program. Reports of committees and FOCUS completed the agenda.

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SECOND INDIANA LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAIMED

Here again for the librarians of Indiana is a ready-made opportunity to bring before the people of the state the program of libraries, their accomplishments and their plans. Coming as it does before budgets must be presented, the week serves as a good introduction to those budgets.

Governor Henry F. Schricker has proclaimed the week of April 22, through 28, 1951, as INDIANA LIBRARY WEEK. It has been recommended that the proclamation be given a prominent place in any special displays which will be prepared for the occasion.

The admonition contained in Governor Schricker's proclamation is directed to all three groups of people concerned with libraries; library staffs, patrons and citizens and boards of trustees. It states: "I. . . do hereby call upon all libraries to make known their resources and services to the end that their use may be encouraged and increased. I further urge the people of Indiana to take full advantage of the educational opportunities afforded them by their libraries, and to suggest that those charged with responsibility for the maintenance and control of individual libraries seek by every reasonable means to strengthen existing services and to extend service to people who lack library opportunities."

In view of the stated theme for A. L. S.'s Seventy-Fifth Anniversary year, "The Heritage of the U. S. A. in Times of Crises," a useful tie-in may be at hand.

THIS SPACE TO BE RESERVED FOR 100%ERS!!

In Washington there has been a great deal said and written about five-percenters. Indiana librarians are going to be talking about percenters too - 100 percenters. This boils down to a matter of memberships. What method do you use in your library to handle ILA memberships? It has been suggested that a most expeditious way is to appoint one staff member to collect the $1.50 dues and send the total amount for one staff, together with names, positions and FOCUS mailing addresses to the ILA Treasurer, Ruth Burlingame, North Side Library, 2100 Stringtown Rd., Evansville, Indiana.

If - so much hinges on that "if" - your library has 100% ILA membership, notify George Curtis, East Chicago Public Library, Chairman of the Membership Committee. All 100% libraries will be listed in FOCUS.

The competition includes all full-time professional and sub-professional librarians. If your job as librarian calls for twenty hours of library duty (i. e. in the case of a school librarian) consider twenty hours as full time.

If the work of the association is to be carried forward in recruiting, legislation, scholarships and action committee projects, active association participation is necessary.

Books at Work in Libraries - Theme of District Meetings

District meetings will be nearly over this year again by the time *FOCUS* gets into your hands, but for the record and for those who may not have seen the schedule or attended the meetings here is the line-up:

New Harmony—March 28 (Mrs. Margie Immenga, hostess)
Jeffersonville — March 30, (Oscar C. Everhart, host)
Columbus — April 4 (Cleo Rogers, hostess)
Cambridge City — April 6 (Mrs. Eleanor Morris, hostess)
Danville—April 11 (Mrs. Joseph Ferree, hostess)
Frankfort—April 13 (Mrs. Edith Thompson, hostess)
Bluffton — April 18 (Clara E. Sturgis, hostess)
Elkhart—April 20 (Ruth E. Kellogg, hostess)

Morning session of the meetings are divided on the ILA-ILTA line with librarians hearing talks on "Improving the Book Collection" and "Putting Books to Work." Trustees are hearing a talk on "How Trustees may be more effective, particularly in advertising their libraries."

Expansion of services to small libraries by the Indiana State Library Extension Division and a panel discussion on the ways to get the most in book value on small budgets are program topics for the afternoon sessions. Two films, "You can beat the A-Bomb" and "Indiana State Parks" close the day's activities.

A. L. A. CONTEST

Librarians are again urged to participate in the contest sponsored by A. L. A.'s 75th Anniversity Committee. The contest, described in the A. L. A. Bulletin of January, 1951, page 14, is open not only to members of the association but also to non-members.

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Where the Tall Corn Grows

The total of an individual's contribution to the progress of libraries and librarianship in the state cannot be fully measured in the number of committees served or assignments accepted and accomplished. The real measure is unfortunately felt the greatest when a hardworking, contributing member is lost from the profession within our boundaries. However, a recollection of activities does mark particular peaks of such contributions.

Since coming to Indiana as Reference Librarian at the Gary Public Library in the fall of 1944, Dan Williams was almost constantly active in the Association's program. During the first year of the retirement fund, 1945-48., Dan served on a joint ILTA-ILA committee which worked with the fund administration. When the Recruiting Committee was set up in March of 1949, Dan served as chairman, continuing the tenure for the first year and a half of the committee's activity. Dan's hovering near the exhibits during the 1950 conference was part of his job as Exhibits Coordinator for the meeting. He has most recently served as a member of the joint Legislative Committee during the just completed session of the Indiana State Legislature.

From his position as Librarian of the Muncie Public Library where he succeeded Walter H. Kaiser in 1945, Dan is going to Des Moines, Iowa, where he will be Associate Librarian, working under Forrest B. Spaulding.

The best good wishes of the Association go with Dan to his new position.

— Spencer

Is There A New Bookmobile in your future?

If you are a lucky librarian with a gleam in your eye representing hopes for a bookmobile, you will want to see the final report of the A. L. A. Extension Division Committee on Standardization of Bookmobile Specifications now available.

The report is based on the experience and judgment of the committee, bookmobile librarians and manufacturers throughout the country and contains not only recommendations but also specifications.

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Figuratively, the Purdue University Library has had its books moved over to make room for films, slides and other audio-visual aids. Actually, an Audio-Visual Center, including film production, audio-recording, film and slide library and projection, as well as other aids' services, has been consolidated and made an administrative part of libraries. John H. Moriarty is now both Director of Libraries and Director of the Audio-Visual Center. Mr. L. D. Miller is Film Librarian.

New faces in Purdue libraries include those of Harry E. Kuntz, Syracuse University, 1950 Assistant Reference Librarian; Maurice Nelson, Syracuse University, 1950, also Assistant Reference Librarian; and George R. Meluch, Carnegie Institute of Technology, 1950, Assistant Experimental Station Librarian.

Professional personnel changes at the Purdue University Libraries also include the resignations of Virginia Ann Jackson, Emma Lue Kopp, and Ann Miller.

Harold W. Tucker of Gary reported for active duty at Fort Sheridan on February 10, 1951. Captain Tucker, MSC. has now ben assigned to the Army Medical Library in Washington, D. C. Stillman K. Taylor, Assistant Librarian, has been appointed Acting Librarian in Captain Tucker's absence.

On April 1, Lewis C. Naylor Canton, Ohio, succeeded Dan Williams as head of the Muncie Public Library. Mr. Naylor, a graduate of the Library School of Western Reserve University at Cleveland, has been head of the county extension work at Canton since 1945. Welcome to Indiana, Mr. Naylor.

"Pilgrim's Deck" is the new name for the teen-age alcove at the Plymouth Public Library. The caption was chosen as the best one submitted during a name contest open to all teen-agers. The "Deck," outfitted with chairs, table, and a reading lamp, is a popular feature among teen-age readers.

From a little pamphlet titled "Little Things That Make Big Differences in Your Publicity" is this word of caution: "Do not submit a story that is a repetition of the minutes of a meeting. If nothing noteworthy was done—skip the story. If the unit met and ate—that is not news.

I. U. Summer Session Program Announced

The 1951 summer session program for professional training for library service at Indiana University, Bloomington, is now available. Courses to be offered include those required for the A.B. or B.S. degree and for either the M.A. degree in Library Science, granted by the Graduate School, or the M.S. in Education degree for school librarians, granted by the School of Education.

The undergraduate program consists of a sequence of eighteen semester hours of Library Science study taken as a part of the requirements for the A.B. or B.S. degree. Persons who have completed a minimum of two years of acceptable college work are eligible to apply for admission to the undergraduate library training program and may complete the eighteen semester hours of Library Science in two summer sessions.

Prerequisite courses being offered are:

L. S. L320. Bibliography and Reference Materials.
L S. L423. Selection and Use of Printed Materials.
L. S. L483. Library Cataloging and Classification.

Courses open to undergraduate and graduate students who have completed the three prerequisite courses:

L. S. L424. Selection and Use of Non-Printed Materials.
L. S. L433. Library Materials for Children.
L. S. L453. School Library Administration and Practice.
L. S. L454 Public Library Administration and Practice.
L. S. L505. History of Books and Libraries.

Courses open to graduate students only:

L. S. L500. Introduction to Research in Library Science.
L. S. L503. Seminar in Library Science.
L. S. L534. Curriculum Backgrounds.
L. S. L590. Research in Library Science.

The University of Southern California has announced four University Library Science scholarships for the academic year, 1951/52. Each scholarship covers full tuition for the professional program in Library Science.

Application blanks and further information can be secured from the Assistant Director, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7.

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Scrap Book Materials

Anxious to help pay its own way the Recruiting Committee of ILA is sending out an urgent plea to all libraries to send pictures, clippings, or other materials used in recruiting to Elizabeth Burton at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Plant, Indianapolis, Indiana, for use in an all-Indiana scrapbook. Field's Citations for Library Recruiting Contest has been extended to include 1951 and 1952 activities. A prize award in this contest would greatly help to extend the work of this committee.

The plan for working through county coordinators at the local level is being continued with all coordinators asked to remain in their present capacity for the year 1951. Bulletins to coordinators this year will include a series of articles on the value of librarianship as seen by outstanding people in all fields of endeavor. The first contributor is A. A. Arnhym, Colonel, USAF, Director, Central Air Documents Office, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The committee's recruiting pamphlet, *There is Romance and a Future in Books,* is available at a minimum cost by writing to Mrs. Burton.

From the ISLA Corner

If given an opportunity, look over the March, 1951 issue of *School Library Newsletter* put out by the Indiana School Librarians Association. The value of this paper is not limited to school librarians since many problems and interests are held commonly among all librarians.

I.S.L.A. has already met for its Spring Conference held at Bloomington, April 6 and 7. Principal speakers were Professor Carl Frazer, Indiana University; Nancy Hoyle of Compton's Encyclopedia; Marian Webb of Fort Wayne, juvenile consultant for children's books; Dennis Williams of Encyclopedia Britannica Films, Inc.; and Isabelle W. Lawrence, author of *"Gift of the Golden Cup"* and *"Theft of the Golden Ring."*

The publication also contains an article on the successful Book Repair Workshop tried as a part of the Jasper County Institute, December 2.

Modern fairy tales don't all begin "Once upon a time." Some of them start. "I was in conference."
— Staats-Zeitung und Herold, N. Y. (QUOTE translation)

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Holmes to Head Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee

Mary Holmes of Logansport is again heading the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee of ILA and presided at a meeting of the committee held on March 7, 1951, at the State Library.

Looking to possible future developments in the Indiana library training program picture, the committee is projecting a new type scholarship. Miss Holmes read a motion passed at the August 24, 1950 meeting of the committee: "The Student Loan Fund Committee recommends to the Association, subject to the planning of the Certification Board and the Extension Division, that the Extension Division establish workshops. The Committee is willing to grant individual scholarships to cover transportation and living expenses to these workshops."

Information and application forms for scholarships are available by writing to the Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee, Indiana State Library, 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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